LIF International Lipizzan Championship - Lipica 2024
GENERAL PROVISIONS

30th August to 1st September 2024, Stud Farm Lipica

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Only horses registered in the stud book of LIF member breeding organisation or LIF observer breeding organisation, are eligible to take part in the International Breeding Championship. NBA/NBS/NSF are responsible for submitting the applications to the organizer (Stud Farm Lipica).

The participants submit to the established evaluation system of the championship event and the decisions made by the judges. The judges' decisions cannot be appealed. The judges are appointed by the organizer in concordance with LIF breeding committee and are not representatives of the breeding associations to which they belong.

THE WELFARE OF THE HORSE

The organiser expects all those involved in the event to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.

1. At all stages during the preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands. This includes good horse management, training methods, farriery and tack, and transportation.
2. Horses and handlers must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that threaten welfare or safety, and the misuse of aids.

CLASSES

Nr	Horses	Year of birth
1	Colts 1 – 2yo	2022-2023
2	Fillies 1 – 2yo	2022-2023
3	Young stallions 3yo	2021
4	Young mares 3yo	2021
5	Stallions 4 – 6yo	2018 - 2020
6	Mares 4 – 6 godina	2018 - 2020
7	Stallions 7 – 10yo	2014 - 2017
8	Mares 7 – 10 yo	2014 - 2017
9	Stallions from 11yo on	2013 and earlier
10	Mares from 11yo on	2013 and earlier

Organizers reserve the right to combine or split classes depending on the number of horses registered.

JUDGING METHOD

Total of 6 criteria is evaluated according to the following judging system:

Each horse is evaluated for:

- Type (breed and gender type)
- Head and Neck
- Body
- Leg conformation
- Movements
- General impression

Judgments are made according to separate judging procedures (3 judges).

Grading scale: 10 - excellent, 9 - very good, 8 - good, 7 - pretty good, 6 - satisfactory, 5 - sufficient, 4 - inadequate, 3 - pretty bad, 2 - bad, 1 - very bad.

Judges will be appointed by the Lipizzan International Federation at least one month prior to Championship.

JUDGING SYSTEM:

The horse is evaluated by three judges, each judge awards points for each of the 6 criteria on a grading scale of 1-10. Half points are allowed.

The final score represents the average of all judges' evaluations and determines the horse's ranking in the evaluated category.

The following championship winners will be awarded:

- Junior Championship Stallions Classes (classes Nr. 1-3)
- Junior Championship Mares Classes (classes Nr. 2-4)
- Senior Championship Stallions Classes (classes Nr. 5-7-9)
- Senior Championship Mares Classes (classes Nr. 6-8-10)
- Breed Champion (between winners of Senior Championship classes)

The top two Horses in each class are eligible for the Championship, from which the winner of the Juniors and Seniors is determined.

The overall winner of the championship – Breed champion - is the Senior Champion of Mares or Stallions.

The championships are evaluated in the same way by all judges.

VETERINARY CONDITIONS:

All horses must be free of contagious diseases and come from a disease-free herd.

1. Horses must have a test for **Equine Infectious Anaemia (EIA)** not older than 12 months and the result of which must be recorded in the horse passport.
2. **Measures against Equine Influenza**

Vaccination against equine influenza according to the valid vaccination schedule as summarized below.

VACCINATION	PROTOCOLL	ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER VENUE
Primary Course	1st Vaccination: day 0 2nd Vaccination: day 21-92	May compete 7 days after the 2nd Vaccination
First Booster	Within 7 months of the 2nd vaccination of the Primary Course	May compete for 6 months +21 days after the 2nd vaccination of the Primary Course Must not compete in the 7 days after receiving a vaccination
Boosters	MINIMUM: within one year of previous booster vaccination IF COMPETING: must be in the 6 months +21 days of the booster previous vaccination	Must have been vaccinated within 6 months +21 days before arriving at the Event Must not compete in the 7 days after receiving a vaccination

3. **Measures against Herpes virus infection (EHV)**

Equine herpes virus - EHV preventive measures:

- Horses must be vaccinated in compliance with the requirements of the vaccine producer; EHV vaccination details endorsed in Passport

OR

- have a negative result of the swop PCR test of the sample taken not more than 120 hours prior to the arrival,
- Self-declaration by owner including horse rectal temperatures for the 5 days before arrival to the event,
- The horse passports and the completed 'FEI Equine Health Self-Certification' forms of each horse must be submitted to the veterinarian at the venue prior to unloading,
- The competitor/groom takes the temperature of each horse with own thermometer in presence of the veterinarian.
- The veterinarian and/or steward will tell you when your horse(s) can be taken to the stable tent.

If the athlete comes from a third country, it is necessary for all horses coming into Slovenia to be accompanied with ID (Identification Document) and a health certificate for registered equidae according to the specimen of annex II of the Commission Decision 92/260 EEC of 10 April 1992 in the current valid issue.

The original document must be presented, not a copy or electronical document.

Examination on Arrival

Veterinary control of the identity and health status of the horses. The results of all tests must be endorsed in the Identification document – Passport.

A health certificate "EQUI-INTRAIND" according to the Commission implementation of the Regulation (EU) 2021/403 of 24. March 2021 (http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2021/403/oj) is needed and use of TRACES-NT is mandatory.

Competitors that need the health certificates for transport of the horses to their destination abroad from an official state veterinarian, must declare it at the show office upon arrival. OC will secure the presence of an official state veterinarian at a certain time frame on Friday only. Time will be announced at the show office.

OTHER PROVISIONS:

1. The deadline for registration is **August 15th 2024**. Subsequent entries can be accepted at double the entry price, by the **August 26th** the latest.
2. The entries are sent exclusively on the Registration forms or copies thereof, together with a copy of the horse ID or proof of parentage with a graphic representation - and the vaccinations certificate. The registrations form with other noted documents should be send to the e-mail: janez.rus@lipica.org
3. Entry fee per horse/show class (breeding show): 30,00 EUR
4. Costs per box, straw and hay for the entire event: 150,00 EUR
5. Electricity (free)

   NOTE: Entry fee and stabling costs are not refundable.
6. The organizer reserves the right to combine, divide or cancel individual classes. Classes with fewer than 15 horses will not be split.
7. Entry to start is granted upon payment of the entry fee in cash upon arrival at the event location. In view of the extensive program, the organizer reserves the right to limit the number of participants, to reject participants and, in the event of special circumstances or force majeure, to take necessary measures to postpone or cancel the event.
8. Starting numbers will be issued by the organizer for a deposit of 20,00 EUR.

9. All horses must be presented in hand.
10. The demonstrators are asked to appear in uniform white clothing, possibly in the national costume of the member country or in the stud farm uniform. Stallions and mares 3 years old and older must be presented with a bridle.
11. Doctors, veterinarians and farriers will be available throughout the event; any costs will be covered by the participants.

INSURANCE

Third Party Liability Insurance

As an Owner you are personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by you, your employees, Support Personnel, your agents or your horses. You are, therefore, strongly advised to take out third-party liability insurance providing full coverage in relation to FEI Events at home and abroad, and to keep the policy up to date.

The Organiser will NOT be responsible for any damage caused to third parties by you, your employees, Support Personnel, your agents or your Horses.

Horse Insurance

As an Owner you should ensure that your Horses are adequately insured against any injuries or illnesses they may sustain while participating at the Event.

The organizer is not liable for transport damage.

Organising Committee